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**TRANSMITTAL OF SEQUENCE LISTING AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY
WITH 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825**

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, and the Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825 attached thereto, mailed from the Patent Office on December 17, 2003, copies of which are attached.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment. However, should any additional fees be required to ensure consideration of this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 16-0085, Reference No. 3284/1225.

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the "Sequence Listing" (sheets 1/17 through 17/17) in paper form for the above-identified patent application as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(c) and a copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e). As required by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), Applicant's Attorney hereby states that the content of the "Sequence Listing" in paper form and the computer readable form of the "Sequence Listing" are the same and, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(g), also states that the submission includes no new matter.

Applicants Attorney submits the following amendments to comply with 37 C.F.R.
§1.825:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.